
CANCER FACTS

National Cancer Institute • National Institutes of Health

Cancer Research Funding

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), the largest component of the National Institutes of Health, coordinates a national research program on cancer cause and prevention, detection and diagnosis, and treatment. These activities are funded by Federal Government appropriations.

The NCI's budgets for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 were \$2.5 billion and \$2.7 billion, respectively. The estimated budget for fiscal year 2000 is \$3.1 billion. These funds support research at the Institute's headquarters in Maryland and in laboratories and medical centers throughout the United States. Other Federal agencies, state and local governments, voluntary organizations, industry, and private institutions also spend a substantial amount of money on cancer-related research and services.

The following table shows NCI spending in fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000 for the four most common types of cancer in the United States:

Cancer Site	1998 Spending (actual, in millions)	1999 Spending (estimated, in millions)	2000 Spending (estimated, in millions)
Breast	\$348.6	\$388.0	\$407.5
Colorectal	\$121.0	\$130.0	\$133.1
Lung	\$139.8	\$146.8	\$150.3
Prostate	\$86.9	\$130.0	\$136.5

Information about funding for other types of cancer and additional information about NCI's budget are available on NCI's Financial Management Branch's homepage at <http://www.nci.nih.gov/admin/fmb> on the Internet.

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Sources of National Cancer Institute Information

Cancer Information Service

Toll-free: 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237)

TTY (for deaf and hard of hearing callers): 1-800-332-8615

NCI Online

Internet

Use <http://www.cancer.gov> to reach NCI's Web site.

CancerMail Service

To obtain a contents list, send e-mail to cancermail@icicc.nci.nih.gov with the word "help" in the body of the message.

CancerFax® fax on demand service

Dial 301-402-5874 and listen to recorded instructions.

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